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International application No.

PCT/AU2004/001525

No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Statement	·	
Novelty (N)	Claims 1-9	YES
14000tty (14)		NO
		YES
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-9	NO
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Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims $1-9$	YES
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Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

NOVELTY (N); INVENTIVE STEP (IS) & INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY (IA)

Claims 1-9

The invention defined in the present amended claims relates to a switch element characterised in the provision of a contact element, and a bearer element, both being separate elements and being constructed from a conductive material and assembled together and the bearer element has a planar base to enable it to be affixed to a conductive track on a printed circuit board. This arrangement allows the switch element to be placed and fused onto a printed circuit board and it does not require a cover to hold it in place.

None of the cited prior art documents disclose this precise arrangement and consequently, the invention defined in the present amended claims is novel. The invention also possesses an inventive step because the claimed invention is not considered to be obvious over the cited prior art documents on their own or in any combination of the said documents.

The invention defined in the present claims is suitable for industrial application.